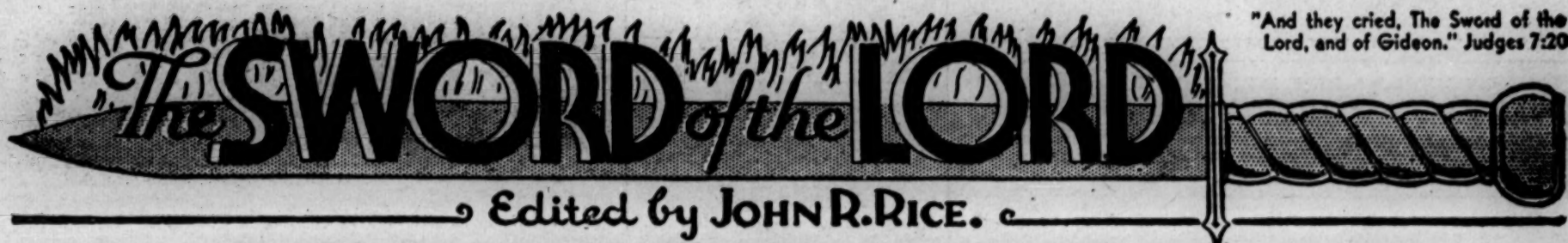


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## "No Man Cared For My Soul"

Psa. 142:4

By Rev. Andrew F. Gallman, Pastor  
Broad Street Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

### I. The Main Business of the Church

The question as to what is the main business of the church is supremely important and should be answered scripturally.

Many church people have been led to believe that the main task of the church is to teach and educate the people. The right kind of teaching does hold a place of vast importance in the church. Never in our history have we had such a system of public education as we enjoy in America. Colleges, universities, and training schools of every sort and kind are to be found in every section of our country. Never have our churches had such elaborate educational plants connected with them as now. Great stress is being laid upon proper educational qualifications in the church as well as in the secular world. We are becoming increasingly educationally minded. Our young people are going to school; the G.I.'s are going; our parents and our grandparents are all going to school. Some of the apostles of education today are saying that our ills can all be cured through education.

But in spite of our vast system of education, with the latest scientific facts at our finger tips, we have just come out of the bloodiest, most brutal war our world has ever known. It looks now as if we are facing an even greater one. In spite of the educational influences, our youth are facing the greatest moral breakdown we have ever seen. Sex murders, sex indulgence and perversion, dope rings, crime of every sort and kind are rampant among our teenagers who are in school. If education can save us, why are we facing such moral destruction? It doesn't take the mind of a prophet to realize we need more than education to save the world from ruin.

Despite our educational progress in the church, thousands of churches are retreating and losing ground instead of gaining. Some church education leaders have been trying to get us to believe that we can educate our children into the Kingdom of God. The church has a tremendous responsibility in projecting genuine Christian education, but a lot of the stuff that is being put out is not education nor Christian. No man has ever been educated into God's saving grace. All those who are in Heaven today are there because they were born again. All those who are on their way there will get there through the door of the new birth and not through some system of education. We need true Christian teachings in our churches and

Sunday Schools. Our teachers need to plainly show that the Bible is God's inspired Word. They should boldly declare that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin and died on the cross to save us from our sins. We need true Bible teaching in our churches, but the first business of the church is not to teach—as highly important as that is.

Many of our church leaders are declaring that the main task of the church is to declare the social implications of the gospel. Many have attempted to pour the gospel into this one channel of social uplift and declare that Jesus wants us to build a new world order. We recognize the importance of this.

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## When God's Patience Wears Out!

By Dr. John R. Rice, Editor

"And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man."—Genesis 6:3.

Little is said in the pulpits these days about the time when God's patience comes to an end, but that is a theme often discussed in the Scriptures. The destruction of the entire human race, saving only Noah and his family, eight souls in all, was because God grew impatient with the insatiable, unending wickedness of men. God set a time limit on His mercy! God deliberately warned that His Holy Spirit would not continue indefinitely striving, warning, pleading with wicked man. After one hundred and twenty years there was to come the horrible judgment of God in the destruction of the entire race excepting the family to be saved in the ark.

Read the background for the subject in Genesis 6:1-8.

"And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."—Genesis 6:3-8.

God is the unchanging God. "For I am the Lord, I change not"

(Mal. 3:6). "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). God's attitude toward sin is exactly the same today as it was in the days of Noah before the flood. There is a limit to the patience of God. God's Spirit will not always strive with men.

### I. God's Holy Spirit Does Strive

God seeking men! God pleading with men! How foolish is the idea of the modernist that man is always seeking God, climbing toward God! The contrary teaching of the Bible and experience is that men are aliens from God,



Dr. John R. Rice

men oppose God, rebel against God, and that those who are saved are won only by the long seeking and pleading and striving of the blessed Spirit of God.

In the Garden of Eden, in the cool of the day, God walked and

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## More About Holiness:

1. A RELATIVE SANCTIFICATION
2. DEAD TO SIN, AND PERFECT LOVE

By Dr. H. A. Ironside, D.D., Litt.D.  
Late pastor Moody Memorial Church, Chicago

HERE ARE TWO MORE CHAPTERS ON THE HOLINESS QUESTION BY DR. H. A. IRONSIDE WHOM MANY REGARDED AS THE GREATEST LIVING BIBLE TEACHER UNTIL HIS DEATH IN JANUARY, 1951.

### Relative Sanctification

Nothing more clearly establishes the proposition we have been insisting on throughout—that sanctification is not the eradication of our sinful nature—than the way the word is used relatively, where it is positively certain there is no work of any sort contemplated as having taken place in the soul of the sanctified. Having carefully considered the absolute and practical aspects of sanctification, without which all profession is unreal, it may now be profitable to weigh what God has to say of this merely outward, or relative, holiness.

Already, in the chapter on sanctification by blood we have seen that a person may in a certain sense be sanctified by association and yet all the time be unreal, only to become an apostate at last.

It is also true that in another sense people are said to be sanctified by association who are the subjects of earnest, prayerful yearning, and may yet—and in all probability will—be truly saved. But they are sanctified before this, and in view of it.

The seventh chapter of I Corinthians is the passage which must now occupy us. It contains the fullest instruction as to the marriage relation that we have in the Bible. Beginning with verse 10, we read, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." As to this, the Lord had already given explicit instruction, as recorded in Matt. 19:1-12.

But owing to the spread of the

gospel among the heathen of the Gentiles a condition had arisen in many places which the words of the Lord did not seem fully to meet, having been spoken, as they

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

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By the Editor

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Rev. Andrew Gallman



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## Circuit Riders, Inc.

We have a nice letter from Brother M. G. Lowman, Executive Secretary of an organization composed exclusively of Methodists, called Circuit Riders, Inc. Brother Lowman writes:

Dear Rev. Rice:

As you have doubtless observed, the Methodist Church is being "used" by individuals and organizations to promote theories of economics not endorsed or approved in the personal life and thinking of the vast majority of Methodist men and women. The Methodist Church, its institutions, publications, youth and other programs (with a background of hundreds of years of hard work done by millions of members) should not, in a period of world unrest, be the tool or vehicle through which a few people attempt to change or replace important and fundamental principles which have made the United States of America (not Russia) and the Methodist Church great powers for God and for good.

We believe the cause of enthroning Jesus Christ in the hearts and minds of men is of such importance that our literature and institutions should not be used to advocate any system of economics or government, whether it be capitalistic, socialistic or communistic, nor to take sides in political controversies. We do not concern ourselves with any questions arising between "fundamentalists" and "modernists."

We enclose a copy of our Principles and Purposes and expect to send you information soon pointing out some of the reasons we feel that action should be taken now to remedy the situation.

Please write and tell us what you think should be done about this whole problem.

Cordially,  
M. G. Lowman

Circuit Riders, Inc., sends the following outline of the Principles and Purposes of the organization as follows:

### PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF CIRCUIT RIDERS, INC.

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- 3) To oppose all efforts to propagate socialism and communism and all other anti-American teachings in the Methodist Church.
- 4) To assist in obtaining any action which may be necessary to require the Methodist Federation for Social Action to drop the word "Methodist" from its name, vacate its office in the Methodist Headquarters Building in New York City, and remove its influence from our Church.

These purposes are predicated upon the following facts and principles:

The Methodist Church is engaged in the effort to spread the gospel of Christ in the world. Its passion is for the salvation of man. It conceives that Christ's primary concern is for the enrichment of the spiritual life of each individual person. He recognizes the sacred worth of the individual. Christ's spirit is that of

love; men filled with His spirit are concerned for the welfare of their fellow men and seek to promote justice and mercy in the social, economic, and political order. The Methodist Church would enthrone Christ in the heart and life of the individual and thus infuse His Spirit into all segments of the social order.

Socialism and communism emphasize the class struggle, which is the antithesis of love; they subordinate the individual, contrary to the Christian concept; they are materialistic, not spiritual, in approach; Marxian socialism and Russian communism are admittedly atheistic and anti-Christ. They are basically contrary to Methodist thought and purpose.

Notwithstanding the purpose and program of the Methodist Church, with which the great majority of its members are in accord, there is a minority segment thereof, including the organization known as the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which seeks to use the Church and its agencies to promote socialistic and communistic theories and anti-American activities. This is particularly evident in some phases of the youth program, in certain aspects of women's work, in some theological seminaries, and in the preparation of some of our Church and Church School literature.

The Methodist Church should give dominant emphasis to its primary spiritual functions, oppose all insidious influences, repudiate the Methodist Federation for Social Action, and remove its influence from our Church.

Please note that this is an organization of Methodists for the purpose of trying to keep the leadership of the Methodist Church true to the Bible and to eliminate the influence of socialism, communism and infidelity from Methodist leadership. Since the editor is not a Methodist, he is not eligible for membership, but is in hearty sympathy with the purpose of the organization. If you are a Methodist and are in sympathy with the Program and Principles of this organization of Bible-believing Methodists, you may wish to join the organization. For that purpose we print here the coupon sent us, which you may fill out and mail if you are a Methodist and in sympathy with this work.

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BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED

**THE EPISTLE OF JAMES**, by J. Nieboer. Our Daily Walk Publishers, Erie, Pennsylvania. 436 pages, \$3.75. Excellent exposition. Each verse, often each phrase and clause, is elaborated and explained, giving understanding of the text and stressing the application of Christian teaching to every day life. The author has a very happy faculty for clear and incisive observation and lucid expression. For example, in the controversial portion on justification by faith or by works (James 2: 24) he comments: "A man is righteous in God's sight the moment he puts his faith in the Lord Jesus. God does not need to see the fruit of faith to know there is faith, but we do. We cannot declare one righteous until we see the fruit of faith. We can only tell one is a Christian by what he does. So James is not contradicting Paul, but complementing him." A treasury of Bible teaching! DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN.

**CHRIST IN ISAIAH**, by F. B. Meyer. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids. 191 pages, \$2.50. What a wonderful volume! It is one of pure gold. How helpful these messages must have been to the congregations who heard them preached! There was an unctious about F. B. Meyer as he was wont to preach—and as one reads these printed messages he feels the thrill of spiritual power. The book is based on the Messianic prophecies found in Isaiah. The types of Christ as pictured by the prophet are made plain to the reader. Christian workers who are seeking the deeper truth of God's Word will find much help and great spiritual blessing in this volume. The very titles used as chapter headings are unusual and gripping. Dr. HENRY HEPBURN.

**STORMS AND STARLIGHT**, by V. Raymond Edman, Van Kampen Press, Wheaton, Illinois. 239 pages, \$2.50. In my judgment this is the finest work of Dr. Edman for the general reading public. Here are twenty-eight short and pungent chapters on the book of Mark that give a keen insight into the life of Jesus Christ as a servant. Here is the wisdom of a Bible scholar and the meditations of a philosopher written with the pen of a college president. This book is really loaded with pungent paragraphs fired in rapid succession. When you read about Society, Shame, Swine, Storms, or Saviour, you will have something to ponder upon for days. The last chapter, *Solvency*, is one you will want to read to your children, grandchildren, Sunday School class, congregation and fellow-workers for years to come. EVANGELIST BILL RICE.

**REBUILDING REVIVAL GATES**, by Douglas Winn. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois. 124 pages, \$1.50. We like these six sermons, half of which were delivered at Cedar Lake, for many reasons. Perhaps the most conspicuous is that the author gives much emphasis to revival; so many books on this or kindred subjects just use the title as an excuse for evangelistic messages. Our great need is a genuine revival of old-time religion among our churches. We like particularly the second sermon on "Four Paramount Steps to Revival": Confession of Sin, Prayer, The Filling of the Holy Spirit, and Soul-Winning Passion. All six sermons are biblical, earnest, sincere, and are richly illustrated from the author's experiences. DR. JOHN L. HILL.

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## SWORD PLAYS VITAL PART IN INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE

Helps With Couple Separated 55 Years

By Hal Malehorn  
Student Editorial Assistant

Last month an absorbing story appeared on the front page of *The Chicago Tribune*, telling of a rather unusual love affair. Under the headline "Love Crosses Sea to Unite 2 After 55 Years," the story read in part:

"A romance interrupted 55 years ago had a fresh start yesterday when a white haired Scotsman arrived in La Salle street station to clasp his girl of long ago and to promise her wealth and affection for the rest of their lives. The reunited couple is Miss Ann Millar, 3519 Sheffield Av., and Alexander Baird, lately of Glasgow. Each is 75 years old....

"When the train pulled in, Ann was too excited to pick Alexander out among the persons getting off. Suddenly he bustled up, wearing a homburg and tweeds, and gave her three big kisses.

"Alexander has sold his property in Scotland and plans to reside here permanently. And of course, he and Annie will be married at last."

In between the first and the last paragraphs of the item, the story told some of the circumstances which kept the two apart for so many years.

But what was NOT mentioned was the part THE SWORD OF THE LORD played in this trans oceanic romance.

The tale actually began nearly 60 years ago in Glasgow, Scotland. When they were both 15, Ann and Alexander were close companions; and after 7 years' friendship, Alexander gave Ann a diamond engagement ring. Then, Ann dedicated her life to the Lord, and as she put it, "I felt that Alexander and I could not live as man and wife until he felt as I did." Ann did not want to marry an unsaved man.

Shortly they parted. Alexander married another woman and in 1903 Ann accompanied her father and brother from Scotland to the United States.

In 1949 Alexander's wife died. Soon thereafter, he wrote to Annie telling her he loved her, and pleading, "Come back to Scotland and marry me. I will keep you in luxury for the rest of your life. You will like my estate. It's near the sea and you can see the Queen Mary when she sails by." But Ann was still not sure he was saved. She had been praying for him; and finally she sent him a sermon by Rev. Rolfe Barnard, clipped from THE SWORD OF THE LORD for Friday, December 9, 1949.

As Alexander wrote later to Dr. Rice,

"I read it in a sort of casual way, and I laid it aside for a time but it kept troubling me. So I decided to take my time and study it carefully. I got down on my knees and asked God to open my eyes, and reveal to me true meaning of being a born-again Christian. I thank God He did so, so I am writing you from Bonnie Scotland to thank Brother Rolfe Barnard for his sermon which brought me to the feet of Jesus...."

In a sweet letter to Dr. Rice a year ago, Alexander Baird asked him to tell Miss Millar of his recent conversion through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. This was promptly and gladly done. Then, just last month, Dr. Rice received another letter from Mr. Baird—this time from Chicago, Illinois. In the recent missive, Mr. Baird wrote,

"You may remember I wrote you regarding my conversion. I explained how through the medium of your paper THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Miss Ann Millar, and Dr. Rolfe Barnard, I had been truly redeemed.

"For years I had been like many other people, believing myself to be a Christian. Miss Millar, however, was not satisfied that I really was a true Christian, so she wrote to Scotland and asked me if I was a real 'BORN AGAIN' CHRISTIAN. She enclosed in her letter that wonderful sermon by Dr. Barnard, and I am proud to say it was the means of my real conversion.

"...two weeks ago I arrived safely in your wonderful country...."

"...thank you for your very great kindness to me."

Yours most sincerely,  
Alexander Baird,  
late of Murrayfield,  
Cardross, Scotland.

And so by the providence of God, a consecrated and prayerful lady used a sermon in THE SWORD OF THE LORD to show her loved one the way of salvation. We pray that they will both live happily ever after.

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"Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, and one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."—Exodus 17:8-13.

This is the fascinating story of a stalwart leader and two faithful assistants who prevailed with God to bring victory to Israel. The important thing about a battle is usually "Who Won?" In his case we might have a variety of answers. One would say, "God won," and that would be true, because God actively helped Israel supernaturally to prevail over Amalek. But it is equally true to say that Israel won or that Moses was responsible for the defeated enemy.

But the two that stand out in my mind as being responsible in a large measure for Israel's victory over Amalek in Rephidim that day were Aaron and Hur. These two faithful helpers chose the seemingly insignificant chore of holding Moses' hands up over his head. They wielded no sword that day and had no tales of valor on the battlefield to relate that night when weary men gathered about campfires.

Yet their part was absolutely essential, for when Moses' hands were not held high, Amalek prevailed. Without their part Israel would have fallen victim to the plundering hordes of the Amalekites.

I see another warfare being waged today by the enemies of the gospel and evangelism. In the minds of many of our finest Christian leaders Dr. Rice is the outstanding man whom God has raised up to define the issues of the battle and bring the days of great revivals back to America. I have heard Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., say that Dr. Rice and THE SWORD OF THE LORD have done more to fight for mass evangelism and revival fire than any other single force.

God has graciously helped and there is a marked trend back toward the days of white hot evangelism and revival power. But the job is just begun and God has placed on Dr. Rice an even heavier burden to enlarge the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and expand the interest in mass evangelism. I have been alone with him when he revealed matters close to his heart about the task that God has freshly placed upon his shoulders. He loves to preach more than anything else, but he has half-sadly told me God has been insisting that he turn down more and more offers of revivals and concentrate on the heavy duties of preparing copy, editing THE SWORD OF THE LORD and directing the work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD FOUNDATION. Remember Dr. Rice does this with no salary and with no royalties for personal use from all of the books we publish which are written by him. Many times after supper when the rest of the family gathers in the living room for an evening of good fun and relaxation, Dr. Rice will leave the circle of loved ones to go back to the office to complete a sermon for the paper or to answer a few of the hundreds of letters from people with problems and troubles.

Will you help me to apply the lesson from the Scripture given already? I know of a really effective way you and I can help Dr. Rice to carry this heavy, heavy burden. Like Aaron and Hur, we can hold up his hands so that God will heed us and help our fight to promote the cause of old-fashioned revival and evangelism. Every subscription you send will honestly be helping to hold up Dr. Rice's hands in battle.

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## Write Christians In Holland

From the editor of DE SPIEGEL, a Christian national weekly, Giro 11352, Wageningen, Holland, writes the Sword of the Lord saying, "Some weeks ago we started with a correspondence club. Among our readers there is much enthusiasm for it, but there is one difficulty; we need very many addresses in the different countries and specially those of young Protestants... Dutch Protestants want to correspond with English men and women."

If you would like to write, in English, and receive answers in English from young Protestant people in Holland, write the editor of DE SPIEGEL, Giro 11352, Wageningen, Holland, and give your name, address, age, tell what work you are in and what are your hobbies. And when you get the name and address say something good for Christians about the Lord and the Bible.

Will you write this week a personal letter to Dr. Rice? Tell him you want to be counted like Aaron and Hur to hold up his hands daily. Then tell him how you plan to help him spread the revival blessings of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Maybe you would like to use the convenient form below. I hope that you will take just a moment to send along this word of encouragement to the editor. I know it is needed especially right now and will help him in some difficult decisions.

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Dr. John R. Rice, Editor  
THE SWORD OF THE LORD  
214 West Wesley Street  
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Dr. Rice:

I want you to count this as my promise to help hold up your hands in this battle to bring back great revivals to America. I pledge my active support in this great work you are doing.

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## WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Rev. H. D. Gober some time ago resigned his pastorate of the Baptist Church of Fairfax, South Carolina, to enter the work of evangelism. He may be reached at 718 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina. He is warmly commended by the Savannah River Ministers' Conference and other friends.

Billy Graham's 6 weeks' revival at Greensboro, North Carolina, in a great wooden tabernacle seating some 10,000, reports in round numbers 8,000 decisions, including, we suppose, conversions and reclamations.

Two brothers, Albert and Jack Adrian, last summer left their pastorates for full-time evangelistic work. Albert being the minister of music in campaigns. Their schedule for the fall and thus far in the winter has been: August 8-September 26, Lawton, Oklahoma, tent meeting in a mission located in a neglected area of Lawton. Seven were saved, three restored. October 10-18, Sterling, Kansas, in an Independent Baptist Church. October 21-November 2, Munich, North Dakota. November 5-23, Harvey, North Dakota. There were nine conversions recorded in this campaign, and twelve restorations. January 6-20 these brothers have a campaign scheduled in Medora, Kansas, in the community Chapel. During February they are in Bakersfield, California; beyond that, their schedule is not filled. They may be addressed: 723 W. 15th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Evangelist Frank Harpell, assisted in the music by his wife, was with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota, November 19-December 2. The pastor, Rev. Fred Trautner, was thrilled with the ministry of this godly couple. There were about sixteen recorded conversions.

In a later meeting at Rote, Pennsylvania, Evangelist Harpell reports 57 decisions. Brother Harpell's connection now is with the Evangelistic Association of New England, at 139 North Street, Stoneham 80, Massachusetts.

We are glad to have the following revival report from Evangelist

Benny Bates—"The Lord gave a good 8-day revival which just closed at the First Baptist Church, Santa Monica, California. There were 28 first-time decisions, 25 for baptism, 3 by letter. There were 13 other decisions." From there he went to the First Baptist Church, Banning, California, November 25-December 9.

Pastor John E. Stam of Troy, Illinois, is still rejoicing over the blessed revival with Evangelist Ray Cutchin. In a recent letter to the editor he tells of an old woman over 80 years of age who was converted; of some eighteen young people who put their trust in Christ, and how these young converts went about winning others. One of them has already yielded her life for foreign missionary service. The pastor says: "Doing personal work with Ray was one of the rarest thrills of my Christian experience; he showed a God-given tact and wisdom, combined with a forthright frankness which drove home the gospel."

Despite over ten inches of snow during the first nights of the revival held in Oswego, Kansas, by Evangelist Joe B. Rice, the pastor reports many blessings, with increased attendance nightly. There were many rededications, some conversions.

Starting January 20, Dr. Merv Rosell and team will be at the auditorium of the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for one week. This meeting is being sponsored by the students of Tennessee Temple College, and great plans are being formulated to bring in large crowds. Dr. Rosell is internationally known through his work with the Youth for Christ and the many city-wide services held all over the United States. Also with him will be Howard Skinner, pianist and organist; Hilding Halverson, song leader; Karl Steele, noted artist.

In November, the Passaic-Clifton, New Jersey Ministerial Association held an 8-day fellowship and revival campaign, with 16 churches cooperating. Dr. William Ward Ayer, formerly pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New

York City, and now radio broadcaster, evangelist and Bible teacher, did the preaching. Splendid interest was shown even though nothing of this sort had been attempted by the churches of Passaic and surrounding territory for more than 30 years.

So unusual was the movement that it called forth a rather lengthy editorial in the Passaic Herald News. This editorial commended the pastors for their demonstration of religious unity and attempt to deepen the spiritual life of the community. The editorial said, "In the service held at the Bethel Reformed Church, the largest auditorium in the entire area, last Sunday, over 1200 men and women heard Dr. William Ward Ayer in the first evangelistic meetings within memory, that brought together worshippers from so many different protestant churches in this area."

"In 36 years," the editorial continued, "since the Rev. William A. Sunday left Philadelphia for Paterson to conduct a 7-week revival that preceded the great New York City campaign, we have not had such a meeting." "We stood in 1915," said the editor, "with Americans fighting on foreign soil and dying there." "It is in such times that the minds of thoughtful men turn to God. It is then that they hope and pray for spiritual reawakening of our people."

The meetings were held for 8 continuous nights and the last Sunday night saw the church crowded to overflowing, with side rooms filled and a great movement of the Spirit of God present. The pastors declared it was the greatest demonstration of protestant unity and spiritual power that the community had seen for many a year.

Rev. A. W. Duncan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Centertown, Missouri, writes regarding the evangelistic services in his church with Evangelist Eddie Wagner, and song leader, James Stoutenborough: "I wish to recommend these two men of God to any church wanting a Bible-centered and Christ-honoring revival. Both have unusual ability. The meeting resulted in 11 being saved, 47 rededications, 4 by letter, 13 young people dedicated to the Lord's service, 7 new titheers, 4 new family altars, and 130 other decisions by Christians."

Evangelist Covell Keenum closed a meeting October 7 with the River Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Rev. Robert C. Blake, pastor. The pastor reports more than 200 decisions for Christ—"the greatest revival of spiritual power I have had the privilege of attending in my years in the ministry. Revival fires are still burning, with people still making decisions for the Lord. I thank God for this young man and pray it will be so we can have him again in the future."

We, too, praise the Lord for our Spirit-filled sword staff evangelist, Covell Keenum. God gives him blessed campaigns wherever he goes.

Evangelist Keenum reports 16 conversions during the recent series of meetings in the Elim Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan of which the Rev. Severin Bernas is pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, Rev. L. Glenn Hazel, pastor, recently had a series of meetings with Evangelist Keenum and during this meeting there were 38 conversions.

Rev. W. E. Hardy, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia, writes of a blessed revival with the Broadway Baptist Church of Indianapolis, in which he was the evangelist for 8 days. He reports 87 professions of faith, fifty-two additions to the church, with forty of these being baptized." Brother Hardy plans to go back to Indianapolis next summer for a tent campaign, with the Broadway Baptist Church and others cooperating.

A newspaper clipping from THE DAWSON NEWS, which appeared at the close of a revival in Navarro Mills, Texas, conducted by Dr. Rudolph Q. Harvey, says,

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"Sunday morning and night people were held spellbound. What a crowd! Never will the services be forgotten when 34 adults were saved. Crowds came from many surrounding cities and some came from more than 60 miles each night."

Olen Bonner, pastor of the church where the meeting was held, says concerning the evangelist:

"I must say this about Rudolph Q. Harvey: God seems to touch more men through him than anyone I know. His simplicity, faith in Christ, passion for souls and eternal desire to win them, makes him the great evangelist he is. He is the most ardent soul winner I have ever known. Christ is a real person to him. He does not leave any problems for the church or pastor. This was his second meeting with us. He repeats many times in the same church."

Evangelist Dick Melton was for two weeks with the First Baptist Church of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the campaign closing November 25. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Lawther, writes commending Brother Melton, Sword Staff evangelist, saying:

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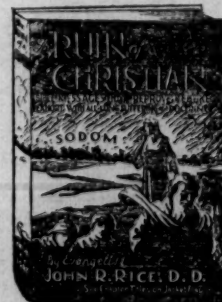
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## More About Holiness

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were, to the people of the Jews, separated as a whole to Jehovah. The question that soon began to agitate the Church was this: Suppose a case (and there were many such) where a heathen wife is converted to God but her husband remains an unclean idolater, or vice versa; can the Christian partner remain in the marriage relationship with the unconverted spouse and not be defiled? To a Jew the very thought of such a condition was an offense. In the days of Ezra and Nehemiah certain of the returned remnant had taken wives of the surrounding mixed nations, and the result was confusion. "Their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people" (Neh. 13:24). This state of things was abhorrent to the godly leaders, who did not rest until all the strange wives had been put away, and with them the children, who were considered likewise unclean, and a menace to the purity of Israel.

With only the Old Testament in their hands, who could have wondered at it if some zealous, well-meaning legalists from Jerusalem had gone like firebrands through the Gentile assemblies preaching a crusade against all contamination of this kind, and breaking up households on every hand, counseling converted husbands to cast out their heathen wives and disown their children as the product of an unclean relationship, and urging Christian wives to flee from the embraces of idolatrous husbands, and, at whatever cost to the affections, to forsake their offspring, as

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It was to prevent just such a state of affairs that the verses that follow those we have already considered were penned by inspiration of the God of all grace. Concerning this anomalous state the Lord had not spoken, as the time had not come to do so. Therefore Paul writes: "But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy [or, sanctified]. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (vers. 12-16).

What an example have we here of the transcendent power of grace! Under law the unclean partner defiled the sanctified one. Under grace the one whom God has saved sanctifies the unclean.

The family is a divine institution, older than the nations, older than Israel, older than the Church. What is here, and elsewhere in Scripture, clearly indicates that it is the will of God to save His people as households. He would not do violence to the ties of nature which He Himself has created. If he saves a man who is head of a household, He thereby indicates that for the entire family He has blessing in store. This does not touch individual responsibility. Salvation, it is ever true, is "not of blood"; but it is, generally speaking, God's thought to deliver His people's households with themselves. So he declares that the salvation of one parent sanctifies the other, and the children too are sanctified.

Is it that any change has taken place within these persons? Not at all. They may still be utterly unregenerate, loving only their evil ways, despising the grace and fearing not the judgment of God. But they are nevertheless sanctified!

How does this agree with the perfectionists' view of sanctification? As it is evident the word here cannot mean an inward cleansing, his system falls to the ground. The fact is, he has attached an arbitrary meaning to it, which is etymologically incorrect, Scripturally untrue, and experimentally false.

In the case now occupying us the sanctification is clearly and wholly relative. The position of the rest of the family is changed by the conversion of one parent. That is no longer a heathen home in God's sight, but a Christian one. That household no longer dwells in the darkness, but in the light. Do not misunderstand me here. I am not speaking of light and darkness as implying spiritual capacity or incapacity. I am referring to outward responsibility.

In a heathen home all is darkness; there is no light shining whatever. But let one parent of that family be converted to God; what then? At once a candlestick is set up in that house which, whether they will or no, enlightens every other member. They are put in a place of privilege and responsibility to which they have been strangers hitherto. And all this with no work of God, as yet, in their souls, but simply in view of such a work. For the conversion of that one parent was God's way of announcing His gracious desires for the whole family; even as in the jailer's case He caused His servants to declare, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The last few words do not guarantee salvation to the household, but they at once fix upon the jailer's heart the fact that the same way is open for the salvation of his house as for himself, and that God would have him count upon Him for this. They were sanctified the moment he believed, and soon rejoicing filled the whole

house, when all responded to the grace proclaimed.\*

This, then, is, in brief, the teaching of Holy Scripture as to relative sanctification—a theme often overlooked or ignored, but of deep solemnity and importance to Christian members of families of whom some are still unsaved. "What knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" Labor on; pray on; live Christ before the rest from day to day, knowing that through you God has sanctified them, and is waiting to save them when they see their need and trust His grace.

I cannot pursue this theme more at length here, as to do so would divert attention from the main theme that is before us; but I trust that the most simple and un-instructed of my readers can now perceive that sanctification and sinlessness must in the very nature of the case be opposing terms.

And with this paper I bring to an end my examination of the use of the actual term sanctification in Scripture. But this by no means exhausts the subject. There are other terms still to be examined, the meaning of which the perfectionists consider to be synonymous with it, and to teach their favorite theory of the entire destruction of the carnal mind in the sanctified. These will be taken up, the Lord willing, in a few more papers in continuance.

### Dead to Sin, and Perfect Love

What is it to be dead with Christ, dead to sin and to the rudiments of the world? Upon the answer to this question hangs the truth or error of the perfectionist system.

In commencing our inquiry I would remind the reader of what we have already looked at (in chapter 2) as to the distinction between standing and state. *Standing* has reference to what I am as viewed by God through the work of His Son. *State* is my actual condition of soul. "That I may be of good comfort," says Paul, "when I know your state." He speaks elsewhere of "this grace wherein ye stand." The two things are very different.

Death with Christ has to do with my standing. "Reckon yourself dead" refers to my state. It should readily be apprehended that no one but the thieves on the cross ever died with Christ actually, and one of them was lost. Thomas on one occasion said, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." He referred to a literal death with Lazarus and with Christ, for whom to go into Judaea seemed to the disciples to be imperiling His life.

But Christ is now living in glory; and it is nineteen hundred years too late for any one to die with Him, so far as experience is concerned. Supposing the "death" of Rom. 6 were state or experience, therefore, it could not be properly described as dying with Christ, but as Christ, or for Christ. To many it may seem needless to dwell upon this; but no one would think so who is familiar with the misuse of the expression in the holiness preaching and perfectionist literature of the day.

In these death is made to be experience. Believers are exhorted to die. They try to feel dead; and if in measure insensible to insult, deprivation, and praise or blame, they consider they have died with Christ; never realizing the illogical use of the language in question. When did Christ have to die to these things? When was He ever annoyed by blame or uplifted by praise? How then could stoical resignation be likened to death with Him?

One verse of tremendous import puts the scriptural use of the term beyond all cavil: "In that He died, He died unto sin once" (Rom. 6: 10). If it be said that I have "died with Him," it must be in His death, and to the same things to which He died. What then are we to learn from so solemn a statement?

Notice one thing very carefully. It does not—could not—say, "In that He died, His death was the" (Continued on page 7)

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## NEWS NOTES

Forty-sixth annual Founder's Week conference of Moody Bible Institute, will convene in Chicago February 4-10. Among the 20 special speakers are Jack Wyrzten, Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Dr. Harry Rimmer, Dr. Bob Jones. Features of the conference include a missionary symposium, education day, alumni day, and gospel-science films. There will be special music throughout the week, and the Moody Chorale will sing.



Above, B. D. and P. J. Zondervan, partners of the Zondervan Publishing House, examine a copy of **TWENTY MISSIONARY STORIES FROM AFRICA**, the millionth copy of a Basil Miller book to be published by Zondervans. Among the books by versatile Dr. Miller are stories, adult fiction, biographies and helps for young people.

Zondervans also announce the completion of the two-year task of publishing the entire 24 volume set of Lange's **COMMENTARY ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**. Lange, outstanding German theologian, includes in his work critical, doctrinal, and homiletical notes. Scholars and teachers hail the set as a remarkable contribution to Bible study.



Pictured above are a part of the 102 missionaries on hand for the Third Annual Worldwide Faith Missionary Conference held at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, November 4-11. Highlight of the meetings were display booths for literature and exhibits, and special outdoor displays.

Approximately 75 extension conferences were held in chapels and churches in the tri-state areas, and over 60 services were held in the main conference. Rev. J. R. Faulkner was in charge of the music, and Rev. Durward Williams was general director.

## "No Man Cared for My Soul"

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ance of social uplift but Jesus said nothing about child labor, slavery, pure food laws, and such like; yet social betterment has followed wherever His gospel has been preached. It is an absolute impossibility to have a new world order with the "old world order humanity." The only way our society can be finally purified and made right is by purifying the human heart and getting men right with God in their hearts.

Christians need to take their stand hard and fast on national moral issues, to be sure. If the church people of America should band themselves together as a solid unit against the infamous liquor traffic, it could be driven from our shores. Too many who have their names on church rolls love to drink the stuff in their homes and in their social functions and haven't the courage to come out against it and stand up for God and the right. We will have red blood dripping from our hands because of our compromise with this sin and others that damn our people. Any born-again Christian ought to stand up for the right and fight for it if need be, but even this is not the first

business of the church of Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the church's main task is not merely to put on a prescribed denominational program. A program of service, reaching to the very ends of the earth, is important; but we might spend all our time organizing and promoting and projecting a big denominational program and miss the very thing Jesus wants us to do first.

The main business of the church is whatever the main business of Jesus Christ was. The head of the church is Jesus Christ and we must take our orders from Him in spite of men or devils.

Why did Jesus come to this earth? Was it to show mankind what God was like? Was it to teach the people about the Kingdom of God? Was it to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and life to the dead? All of these things He did, but none of those, according to His own admission, was His main purpose for coming. Was it to show mercy and love and sacrifice in death on the cross? This He did, but His death was for one central purpose. He died that

## Bob Jones University Conference on Americanism

GREENVILLE, S. C. .... At the close of the Bob Jones University Conference on Americanism, which was held December 11-14 and brought to the campus outstanding leaders from different phases of American life, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of the university, pointed out the unanimity of opinion among the speakers that America is able to do what needs to be done if America is not hampered by decay of moral integrity and by too much government control. He pointed out the fairness of the speakers who kept the conference non-political and constructive, and spoke of their references to the great past America has, the great freedoms Americans possess, and the great dangers that face the nation—dangers of moral decay and deterioration of American power.

"The answer," he said, "is a revival of the old time religion. Basically our problem is one of truth and righteousness. Without the knowledge of the truth of what is going on, the American people cannot know how to react. The American people must know the truth and have the courage to face the challenge of Truth." To the university students, Dr. Jones said, "Remember, the greatest thing you can do for your country is to be a good Christian. A man cannot be a good Christian and a poor American. As so many of these speakers have pointed out, the basis of our liberties is faith in Christ, for 'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'"

Speakers at the conference included Congressman Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina; Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of North Carolina; Mr. Edward McCormick, president of the New York Curb Exchange; Mr. Glen E. Snow, past president of the National Education Association and an assistant executive secretary of that organization; Mr. Morse Salisbury, director, Division of Information Services of the Atomic Energy Commission; Mr. Abraham Vereide, executive director, International Christian Leadership; Dr. John Temple Graves, editor and columnist, Birmingham POST; Mr. John G. Talcott, New England industrialist; Mr. Ralph Robey, vice-president and chief economist, American Association of Manufacturers; Mr. James R. Young, associate editor Anderson (S.C.) DAILY MAIL; Honorable Gordon Browning, governor of Tennessee; Mr. W. F. Patterson, director, Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor; Mr. John Paul Lucas, Jr., of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and public relations director for Duke Power Company, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. Clifford R. Russell, of the Office of Price Stabilization; and Miss Freda Ut-

all mankind might be saved. Without His shed blood on the cross there was no salvation from sin. Without His vicarious death there was no way out—all must die without hope and be banished from the presence of God for eternity.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). The all-pervading, burning, consuming passion of Jesus Christ was to save the lost. Therefore, the first business—the main business—the central business of the church is to save the lost.

In the light of this truth we ask, "What is a Christian?" The answer is simple: a Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. Hence true followers of His are those who are fishers of men.

Some member of our church may be saying tonight, "But isn't our church noted for its soul-winning efforts? Didn't we baptize more into our church last

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## "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" In Telugu Language

Above is a picture of Dr. Rice's famous salvation booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Telugu language, in India. Rev. Maurice Blanchard of the Ramapatnam Baptist Theological Seminary, in Ramapatnam, Nellore District, South India, is responsible for the distribution of the booklet there. Below is copy of a letter which he is sending to missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers in that section, offering to supply them with a limited number of the booklets.



### FREE OFFER OF JOHN R. RICE'S BOOKLET ON WAY OF SALVATION

Ramapatnam Baptist Seminary, Ramapatnam, Nellore District November-December, 1951

Dear Friend:

A little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" originally written by Evangelist John R. Rice of America, has now been translated into Telugu, and may be secured free, by missionaries, pastors and evangelists and others who will promise to give it out personally to those who promise to read it, accompanied by earnest personal prayer and personal effort to win the reader to the Lord Jesus Christ. A copy is enclosed.

Over 5,200,000 copies of this booklet have been printed in English. More than 4,500 people have signed the decision slip at its close, claiming to trust Christ as their Saviour. Over 156,000 copies have been printed in Spanish, resulting in many conversions. 1,179,000 copies have been printed in Japanese, and over 2,800 Japanese people claim to have been saved through reading it. Our first printing in Telugu is for 25,000 copies only.

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## More About Holiness

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end of inbred sin!" Yet this is what it should have said if my death with Him is the death of my inbred sin. But this could never be; for He was ever the Holy One in whom was no sin.

Yet He died unto sin. In what sense? Manifestly as taking my place. As my Substitute, He died unto sin in the fullest possible sense—sin in its totality, the tree and the fruit—but all mine, not His! "He loved me, and gave Himself for me"; and in so doing He died unto sin, bearing the judgment of God due to me, the guilty one. God "hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). And having been made sin in my room and stead, and died for it, He has done with it forever—He has died unto it once for all, and in His death I see my death, for I died with Him!

When and where did I die with Him? There on His cross, nineteen centuries ago, when He died, "the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." There I, and every other child of God, died unto sin with Him, henceforth to live unto God, even as it is written, "And He died for all that they who live should no longer live to themselves, but to Him who died for them and has been raised" (2 Cor. 5:14, 15, N. T.).

Who, that desires to be taught of God and to learn alone from Scripture, need stumble here? Christ's substitutionary death is

accounted by God as my death, and the death of all who believe in Him; and through that death we are introduced into our new standing as risen from the dead, and seen in Christ before His Father's face. "He hath made us accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6). This is my new and glorious position because I have died with Christ. I need not try to die, or pray to die, or seek to feel dead (absurdity beyond expression!); but Scripture says, "Ye have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).

The practical results of this are many. Learning that I have died with Christ, I see at once the incongruity of denying this in my practical walk, or in any way owning the right of sin, which indwells me still, to exercise control over me. It was once my master, but Christ has died to sin—root, branch, and fruit; and His death was mine. Therefore I must in faith reckon myself to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord. Mark, I do not reckon the sin to be dead, or uprooted, or anything of the kind. I know it is there, but I am dead to it. Faith reckons with God, and says, "In Christ's death I died out of the sphere where sin reigns. I will not obey it therefore any longer." And while walking by faith, "sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14). What folly to speak of sin not having dominion if it be dead! The very pith and marrow of the apostle's teaching is that though it remains in my mortal body, I am not to let it reign there (Rom. 6:12).

While I live in this world I shall never be actually free from sin's presence; but I can and should be delivered from its power. God hath "condemned sin in the flesh," not rooted sin out of the flesh; and as I condemn it too, and refuse all allegiance to it, walking in the Spirit with Christ as my soul's object, I am delivered from its control.\* profitably considered afterward.

\*Let me here earnestly commend to the serious reader Mr. C. Crain's helpful "Readings on Romans," and "God's Salvation as set forth in the Epistle to the Romans," by John Fort. "Deliverance: What is it?" by F. W. Grant, might be

## A Good Place To Help

Dr. H. A. Ironside was greatly concerned about getting the gospel to colored people, and he worked much during his lifetime to encourage the Southern Bible Training School for colored people, in Dallas, Texas. His son, Ed Ironside, was president of the school until his death. Now Dr. H. S. Fox is president. Dr. C. F. Lincoln of the Dallas Theological Seminary, is chairman of the Board of Directors. On the Board also are Rev. John S. Ironside, Rev. W. E. Hawkins, a godly preacher I have known for many years, and other good men I know and trust in Dallas.

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I reckon myself dead unto sin because in Christ I died to it; but it is only as I keep the distinction between the two phases of death clear in my mind that I am freed from confusion of thought.

Hoping I have been enabled of God to make this plain to any troubled one, I pass on to consider a question often asked at this point: "If what has been taught is the truth, how can I be perfect in love with sin still dwelling in me?" For answer to this we must turn to I John 4: 15-19. To avoid one-sidedness, we shall quote the entire passage; and may I ask the reader to weigh every word, observing too that I am using a literal translation in closer accord with the original Greek text than our much-prized Authorized Version gives in this particular instance. "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and have believed the love which God has to us. God is love; and he that abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Herein has love been perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; that even as He is, we also are in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: for fear has torment; and he that fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him, because He has first loved us."

Now, with the passage before us, allow me to ask the reader four questions:

1st. Whose love is it which we have believed? See the answer in the first part of verse 16.

2d. Whose love is it in which we are called to abide? Read the latter part of the same verse.

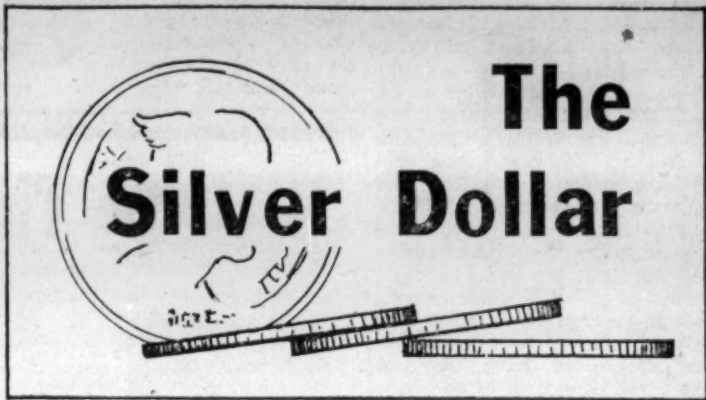
3d. Where do we find perfect love manifested—in me, or in the cross of Christ? Note carefully verses 17 and 18.

4th. What is the result in me of coming into the knowledge of love like this? The 19th verse supplies the answer.

Now let me attempt a paraphrase of the passage, in place of an exposition, which for so simple a scripture seems needless. "Every one confessing the truth as to Jesus is at one mind with God, having received a new divine life, and thus is enabled to enjoy fellowship with

## Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson



By means of the silver dollar, a contract may frequently be made with your banker. Let us notice the many lessons which may be learned from the inscriptions upon it.

On the obverse side there appears the head of the Goddess of Liberty, with the word "Liberty" appearing on the headband. Liberty comes only from Jesus Christ. He alone can break the chains that bind to sin and Satan. His truth alone can set us free from false doctrines and wicked teachings.

The date on the bottom is to ever remind us of the birth of Christ, for this silver dollar which bears the imprint of 1879 was made at the mint just that many years after the birth of Christ Jesus. The Lord will not let us forget that the Saviour came to save this banker.

A Latin inscription appears over the head of Liberty, "E Pluribus Unum." This is a foreign language and is indicative of the new language which is spoken by those who trust the Saviour and become newborn men in Christ. The thirteen letters in this inscription would bring before us that Christ and His twelve disciples began to give on earth this new message in a new tongue, which the world does not and cannot understand.

THIRTEEN STARS appear also on this obverse side. The Lord would have us shine as stars forever and ever. He does not want us to waste our time, nor to misuse our talents. "Those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). Seven stars are before the face of Liberty and six are behind her head. Natural talents are mingled with divinely-given virtues to enable us to become stars for His crown. The number six reminds us of the human talents received by

God, whose mighty love we know and believe, having, indeed, rested our souls upon the greatness of that love toward us. God Himself has been revealed as love; and in that love we dwell. Knowing its perfection as manifested in the cross of Christ, we do not dread the day of judgment, because we know that love has already given Jesus to bear our sins. His death was ours; and now God sees us in Him, and we are, in God's sight, as free from all charge of guilt as His Son. Therefore we have no fear, for it is impossible that there should be fear in love: yea, this perfect love of God has banished every fear which could only torment us if this love had not been apprehended. If any still are in fear, as they think of meeting God, it is because they have not fully seen what His love has done. Their apprehension of His love is still very imperfect. But where His love is known and rested in, we love in return, for perfect love like His cannot but induce love in its object, when truly enjoyed."

Need words be multiplied? Is it not plain that there is no hint of that perfect love being developed in me, and thus my reaching a state of perfection in the flesh? On the contrary, perfect love is seen objectively in the cross of Christ, and enjoyed subjectively in the soul of the believer.

(From the book, *Holiness: the False and the True*, published by Loizeaux Brothers, used by permission, 142 pages. Price: paper cover, 75 cents, clothbound, \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.)

birth and by education. The number seven tells us that our blessed Lord must make those gifts effective for Him or else we shall spend and be spent for our own selfish ends.

On the reverse side of this silver dollar, there appears an eagle with raised wings. The Scripture informs us that "Riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Prov. 23:5).

The talons of the eagle on the silver dollar are grasping both an olive branch and a group of arrows. Our Lord has arrows of vengeance for those who will not accept His olive branch of peace and mercy. He shows both to the world that we may accept of either one. His grace is free, but if it is rejected, then His judgment is compulsory.

The expression, "In God We Trust," appears over the head of the eagle. Eagles do trust in God, but all men do not. The God who made the eagle is the God to whom the eagle looks for her daily food and protection. Our nation should trust in God. We will never be what we should be until our people and you in particular turn the heart to God in simple trust and in confident faith.

Near the bottom of the dollar is a tiny letter "S," or a letter "O," to indicate the mint which produced this coin. That soul which comes from God's mint should bear the impress of Heaven upon it. All should know who is our Maker and in what mold we have been patterned and formed.

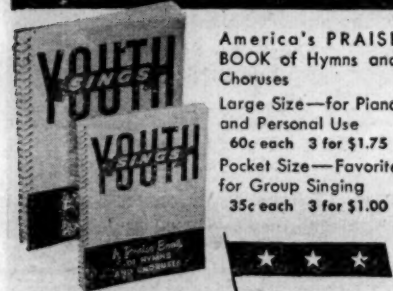
At the bottom of this coin there are the words, "One Dollar." It advertises its value. People are entitled to know its value. This inscription prevents any misunderstanding. Every Christian has a value. Sometimes he values himself more highly than others esteem him to be worth. The value on this dollar was fixed by the government. We must take the standard which the government gives. Our own valuations have no place whatever in this matter. Let us ascertain what our value is before God, then we may take that place before men.

Around the top of the dollar, these words appear: "United States of America." This is the testimony of the dollar as to its relationship. It constantly tells of its maker and original owner. It tells also where this dollar may be circulated and used. It is worth \$1.00 in the United States of America and will pass for current money there. We, too, must confess the One who has made us Christians and Whose we are and Whom we serve. Our ministry is in the Kingdom of God and the Church of His Son. Christians are at home in God's house and under His sovereignty.

An attractive wreath is gracefully curved about the eagle. This should be a call to our hearts to earn a diadem from our Lord. He has a crown to give and a wreath to bestow upon those who run the race well and who win the prize.

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## "No Man Cared for My Soul"

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year than any church in this district?" All of that is so, but let us take an honest look at our soul-winning activities. It is true we won one hundred last year on profession of faith, but add the number on the official board, the Sunday School teachers and workers, the Womens' Missionary Society, and the young peoples' organizations together and you get over three hundred. Three hundred people who have some place of leadership in our church. That means that three hundred won one hundred in twelve months time. If each one had won only one over the twelve months' period, we would have baptized three hundred instead of one hundred. If each member of our church had won one, we would have around one thousand new converts in our church. The plain facts are that we are not winning lost people; the official board is not winning them; the Sunday school teachers and workers, the ladies' societies, the young peoples' organizations are not winning lost people to Jesus Christ. Yet the cry is heard over our city, "No man careth for my soul."

### II. Why Are We Not Winning the Lost?

There must be some reasons why we are not winning lost people to Jesus Christ.

1. Too many church people no longer believe that men are actually lost and on their road to ruin and will spend eternity in Hell. We have been influenced by false teachings and we have become paralyzed to the Bible truths about the awful doom of all who do not have Christ as Saviour. Many echo the philosophy of darkness by declaring that we serve a God of love that won't let any of His creatures go to Hell for eternity. A lot of church people are being led to believe that everybody will finally make it through, so why worry about them. They have forgotten that God says, "Be sure your sins will find you out" (Num. 32:23). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

We do not believe what God says. We are content to be at ease in Zion while our friends and loved ones live in sin, without God and hope, on their way to awful eternal ruin.

Several years ago some ministerial students from a seminary were riding the train back to school on Monday morning from their week-end preaching engagements. They were discussing their services of the day before and giving voice to some of their church problems. A stranger sitting nearby interrupted them and asked if they were ministers. They assured him they were. Then he said, "Do you fellows actually believe that stuff that is printed in your Bibles about God sending His Son to die for sinful man, and that those who do not accept Him will spend eternity in a burning Hell?"

Quickly they replied, "Why certainly we believe the truths of this Book and we believe just exactly what you have asked."

The stranger looked them straight in the face and said, "I don't believe a word of it. I'm an atheist. I take no stock in your Bible or your God, but if I did believe what you men say you believe, I would tell every man in this nation to flee from the wrath to come if I had to crawl on my knees to get to them."

What a dreadful admonition that atheist gave those boys that day, and how it ought to shake us and wake us up to the fact that we must win souls to Christ and do it now!

2. Many of our church people do not know that they are won themselves. I have been astonished at the large number of church people who have been converted in the revivals I have preached in. I well remember speaking in a revival in a large rural church

in central Mississippi several years ago. We were having large crowds both morning and night and the interest was increasing from service to service. Toward the latter part of the week we went home with an elderly man for

the noon meal. He lived in a large well-kept country home. He sat us down to a table that was loaded with every good thing to eat that one could imagine. I noticed that he was not eating. Finally I asked if he were feeling badly.

"No, I'm worried."

"What are you worried about?"

"This meeting has me disturb-

ed," he replied. "When this pastor was sent to us a year ago, he started preaching on the assurance of salvation and knowing where you stood before God. I had uneasy feelings but I could throw them off from one Sunday to another. Since this revival has been on and you have been preaching on being saved and knowing it, I just don't know

where I stand. I'm seventy-one years old, joined the church when I was twelve, have been on the board of stewards for over forty years. I've never let my preacher go to an annual conference without this church paying up all assessments in full. I've ridden these roads and gathered potatoes, molasses and other pro-

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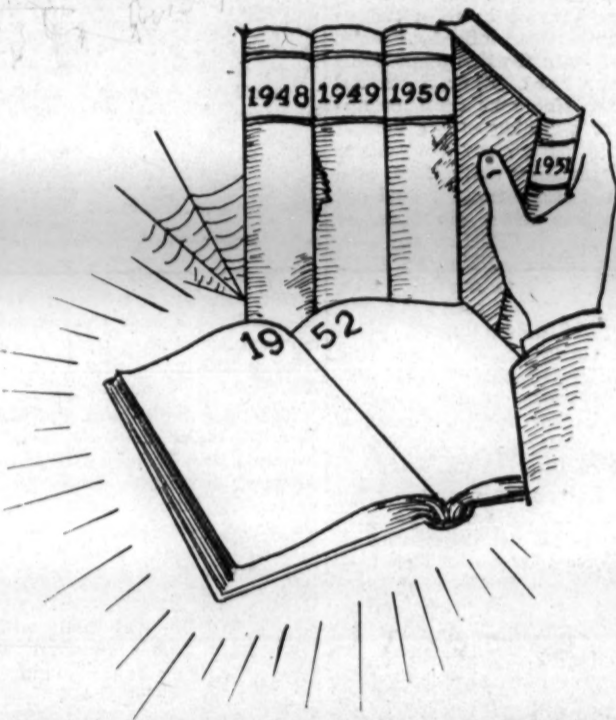
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## When God's Patience Wears Out!

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called for Adam, "Where art thou?" So in the midst of all the wickedness of the world before the flood when God saw that the wickedness of man was so great in the earth that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," still God's Spirit warned men, pleaded with men and knocked at the door of every heart among those violent, licentious, rebellious men!

Oh, today God's Spirit calls every sinner! Not a man ever dies unconverted and goes forever to the place of torment but that first he was warned, he was pleaded with, he was intreated to turn to God! How tenderly the blessed Spirit of God strives with wicked sinners.

And let us remember that people are not saved by preaching of itself. They are only saved by such preaching as that which has upon it the breath of God, the moving of the Holy Spirit. Remember that people are not saved even by the Bible, by the Scriptures alone. The Word of God can only be the instrument of men's salvation as the Spirit of God takes it to their hearts. How fruitless, how powerless, is all the preaching, all the testimony, which is not really the moving, the pleading, the warning and the invitation of the Spirit of God Himself! Men are saved because they are called by the Holy Spirit of God. It is not the letter of the Word that saves. Many preachers

who quote Scripture are utterly powerless. The Word of God is "the sword of the Spirit," and if the Spirit does not wield His own sword it does not cut! But the Spirit of God seeks lost men, convicts lost men, warns lost men and strives with lost men that they may be saved.

How merciful it would be of God if lost men could seek Him and find Him, a passive God who would submit to a seeking man's pleadings to be saved. And how infinitely multiplied is the mercy of a God who seeks men, runs after men and strives with them that they may be saved.

Men insult God, men blaspheme His holy name, and yet His Spirit strives with sinners! Men go on in drunkenness and licentiousness and every form of degrading sin, and yet the Holy Spirit pleads with them. Men may even deny the fact of God, may spit on His holy Word, may loudly proclaim that they are agnostics or atheists; and yet God's Holy Spirit calls them and loves them and woos them! Men may be long convicted, and may fight against God for years; but the Holy Spirit of God so often continues to warn and convict and call.

I was saved when I was not more than nine years old. Though I was saved so young, I remember a long series of incidents through which God spoke to my heart and convicted me of my sins. I remember the Sunday School lesson

when we learned about the baby Jesus being born in a stable because there was no room for Him in the inn. I was not more than four years old at the time I kept that little pictured Sunday School card and felt guilty in my heart that human beings like me had no room for Jesus! When I was not more than five I was deeply moved by a song my mother sang, "Turned Away From The Beautiful Gate." I seem to have known that it was by their own sinful rebellion and rejection of Christ that men missed Heaven. I remember some unrest of soul about it. About the same time my mother, after I had told her a lie, talked to me with tears of how God hated a lie, and what a sin it was. The occasion was burned on my memory, and I know that I felt I deserved the just condemnation of God. Surely that was God speaking to me through His Holy Spirit! When my mother lay on her death bed she talked so of the Saviour as she had us all promise to meet her in Heaven that I felt myself under the spell of her dying smile and testimony until the time I trusted Christ as my Saviour. After mother's death I remember the tears and the exhortations of my Sunday School teacher. I remember the godly pastor who told the story of the prodigal son, told how he himself had once been a prodigal, how he ran away from home and came to want and trouble and how he was forgiven on his return. How strange, but it seems that God must have been calling from the first day I knew anything about good and bad, from the first time I ever had a sense of moral responsibility to God!

Oh, the infinite mercy of God's Spirit who strives with men lest we should go to Hell! What condescension! What long continued mercy! Nearly every person in the world who was ever saved can testify that long before he heeded God's call, he was dealt with by the Holy Spirit of God which strove with his soul, warning him, urging him to be saved.

The Holy Spirit moves the conscience, and it becomes more active. The Holy Spirit calls attention to accident and death around us. How many millions of soldiers, whose lives are in danger, now pray when they never prayed before! It is the Spirit of God that calls attention to danger and to the need for forgiveness and salvation. The Holy Spirit may use the simplest statement of a wife or mother. He may use the words of a hymn.

There are certain physical manifestations that often appear when a sinner is convicted by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings tears to the sinner's eyes. He is the cause of the quivering lip, or of a throbbing in the throat. Many times when manifestly the Spirit of God was striving with sinners, I have seen them break out in a profused sweat. Twice at least I have known men under deep conviction to lose consciousness, to faint. One such man was a drunkard in Pacific Garden Mission who said he had tried everything else and this was the last chance to escape slavery and eternal ruin. The other was in Binghamton, New York, whom I will mention later.

A sinner under conviction, one with whom the Spirit of God is striving, may become violently angry or abusive. My father, approached by a personal worker in a revival service more than fifty years ago, left the church in anger and swore that he would never enter its doors again. But that night he found no sleep, and the next morning, a humble but rejoicing believer in Christ, he sat on the same church steps waiting for the janitor to open the door for a sunrise prayer meeting! And how foolish it would be for a Christian to be offended or discouraged with such a sinner as long as the Spirit of God still strives with him. Rather we should be bold, should press the attack of the Spirit as it clearly leads, and gratefully look forward to blessing as the Holy Spirit works.

The fact that the Holy Spirit of God does strive with sinners is a wonderful mark of the mercy of God, and is the only hope of poor sinners who would not seek God if they were not first sought

by His Spirit.

It does not seem strange to me that God's patience wears out. It does not seem strange to me that God sent a flood when the whole world was corrupted, when "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," as Genesis 6:5 tells us that He did. Note that it was not only that man's wickedness was great in outward action, but men were wicked in the heart, in their imagination. And notice that literally "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart" was evil; further that every thought, every imagination, dream and idea of men "was only evil continually." How wicked was the race of fallen men! And so God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Gen. 6:3).

No, it is not strange that God at last turned from mercy to judgment. It does not seem strange to me that He decided to bring His pleading, His striving with the hearts of those men, to an end. It does not seem strange His blessed Holy Spirit should give those men up to their sins. Rather, the remarkable thing is that the Holy Spirit continued to plead for another one hundred and twenty years after the whole race was debased beyond any hope of redemption, with the single exception of Noah and his family! God's Spirit does strive with men.

### II. But God's Patience Does Wear Out

At long last the ark was finished. At twenty-three or twenty-four inches to a cubit, it was probably about six hundred feet long, one hundred feet wide, sixty feet high. It was three stories high. The boat had ocean-liner proportions, and was equipped to carry two of every kind of beast on the face of the whole earth, with seven of every clean beast, and with food for both men and animals. It took a hundred and twenty years to prepare it, and all that long time Noah was a preacher of righteousness. All that long time the Holy Spirit of God spoke to the people's hearts, strove with men, urged them to turn to God. For a hundred and twenty years the population in Noah's country heard the ring of the hammers, saw the big boat taking form. Hundreds of people must have been occupied in felling the trees, dressing the timbers for the boat and building it, and in collecting the food for men, the grain and hay for the animals. I have no doubt that the news of "Noah's folly" in that one hundred and twenty years went wherever men had wandered in the world before the flood. Millions of people knew about Noah's ark, knew about his preaching, laughed at his warnings, at Noah's God!

I think the correct meaning of I Peter 3:18, 19 is that Christ, by the Spirit, went and preached to those spirits who are now in prison, but did it then when God's Holy Spirit was striving with the men in Noah's day and Christ preached to them through the Spirit, by the mouth of Noah, before they died. Christ was preaching to them when Noah preached.

But when the hundred and twenty years were gone, God's patience, God's forbearance, were ended. It is not that God suddenly lost His temper. It was not that God did not have grace enough under special temptation, to do right. No, no! But it was that the time came when to withhold judgment longer would be a sin, and a just and holy God could not sin. The time came when God must put emphasis on righteousness, after the long emphasis on mercy. The time came when God must show His holiness, as He had shown His love.

God said to Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark" (Gen. 7:1). Noah had seven days' notice and the activity must have been like a gigantic circus preparing for an ocean voyage! When all were in the ark, Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives, and all the beasts and fowls that God had to walk up the gangplank had entered the ark, God Himself shut the door! Then the fountains of the deep were opened. Then the

windows of Heaven poured out floods of water. Forty days and nights it rained. Soon the lowlands were covered, then the hills. I can imagine hundreds of people screaming and hammering on the sides of the ark, wanting inside. But God had shut the door. God's patience had come to an end. Every trapped family who died in their homes knew it was the act of an impatient God. Those who were swept from roof-tops, those who ran panting across the plains trying to outrun the wall of flood waters, knew when they were overwhelmed by the turgid swirling waters, that it was God's wrath which had struck at last. Every fear-frenzied woman who prayed and cried as she scratched at the giant beams and planks of the ark when it began to float, ignored by the God who had shut up Heaven against the prayers of wicked men, the God who had withdrawn His Spirit, knew that at last God's patience had worn out!

In Genesis 15:16 the Lord told Abraham that "the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Abraham could not yet take the land of the Amorites. Though they were idolaters, though they had earned the wrath of God, they had not yet reached a certain set limit which God in His own infinite wisdom and mercy had set. When they crossed that line, God would then decree their uttermost destruction. Four hundred years passed. The children of Israel were brought out of Egypt and back into the land promised to Abraham. And in Deuteronomy 20:16, 17 we have the startling command of God: "But of the cities of these people, which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely... the Amorites..." After infinite patience and mercy, after long, long struggling and pleading by the Spirit of God with an idolatrous and wicked people, God's patience wore out! And so He decreed the utter destruction of every man, woman and child. God has said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."

With the children of Israel, God exhibited matchless patience. Through the centuries He sent prophets and warned them. At last the Northern kingdom was sent into captivity. Then long later the Southern kingdom of Judah wore out the patience of God. God called for Nebuchadnezzar to surround and take the city. Women ate their own children in the famine. After a terrible slaughter, the city was taken and the king had his eyes put out. The king's children were slain. The remnant of people, all but the very poorest, were chained and carried captive to Babylon. The temple of God was burned down. It was stripped of its gold and silver to the value of millions of dollars, and Jerusalem was a desolate city.

But God was patient with the remnant. After seventy years the remnant went back to Jerusalem and under Ezra and then under Nehemiah they rebuilt the wall. Later the temple was rebuilt and Jews of all the tribes had a homeland. The Saviour came. God sent His own Son, born of a virgin. Officially the Jews despised and rejected Him. The Saviour was put to death. Stephen was stoned. James was beheaded. Christians were scattered. But the warning of the Saviour, long unheeded, came to pass. In A. D. 70, Titus, the Roman general, besieged that wicked, rebellious city, and took it. The golden candlestick and other sacred furniture of the temple were carried to Rome. The temple was burned to the ground, and not one stone was left upon another, even as Jesus had foretold! According to Josephus, over a million people were killed in the siege. The remnant were sold as slaves until Jewish slaves became a drug on the market and buyers could not be found. And ever since that time the land has been trodden under foot of the Gentiles and so it will continue until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in! (Luke 21:20-24) A horrible blindness came over the whole Jewish race (Rom. 11:25). God's patience wore out with Israel.

Do not misunderstand me. God still has plans for His chosen people. (Continued on page 10)

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ple, Israel, and will keep every promise He ever made to them. Enemies of Israel are under the curse of God. Hitler did Satan's horrible business. But out of every concentration camp, out of every overrun country where Jews and others suffered, comes this lesson to us: **GOD'S PATIENCE DOES WEAR OUT!** "My spirit shall not always strive with man," says the Lord. Romans 11:26, with many other Scriptures, tells of the time when the eyes of the blinded Jews will be opened and a nation will be converted in a day. Oh, may God speed the time! But let every Gentile take warning. Let every Christ-rejecter be solemnly reminded, God's Spirit will not always strive with man.

Down in Egypt, God sent Moses to Pharaoh bringing the message of the Lord, "Let my people go" (Exod. 8:1). You know the plagues that came on Egypt, plagues of water turned to blood, of frogs in the dough pans and in the beds, of a torment of flies, flies, flies everywhere, of the irresistible hail destroying everything alive that was unprotected, of the lice, of the diseases, of the impenetrable darkness and finally the midnight cry and the death of the first-born in every family where there was not blood on the door when the death angel passed over. Read that story in Exodus from chapter five through chapter twelve how Pharaoh dilly-dallied. He begged for a temporary respite, but there was no genuine repentance. He was willing for the Israelites to worship God but only in the land; then the men were to be permitted to go a little ways, not far, women and children were to be left behind. Later after further punishment women and children might go as well as men, but all their cattle must be left behind. We are told again and again that Pharaoh hardened his heart, and we are told that God hardened Pharaoh's heart too. God had been kind to Pharaoh, but God's patience was running out.

At last the children of Israel left the land of bondage, left after eating the passover lamb with staves in their hands and with their loins girded. God opened the Red Sea and the children of Israel marched through in the night. Pharaoh gathered his army and pursued after the fleeing Israelites. When they were in the midst of the Red Sea God told Moses to stretch out his hand in which was the rod of God. The mighty waters of the Red Sea, released from their invisible restraint, crashed together, covering Pharaoh and his army, and they were utterly destroyed. As Pharaoh strangled in terror in the waters of the Red Sea, he surely must have remembered that God's patience does not go on forever! God plainly said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."

### III. God Sometimes Withdraws His Spirit from Striving with Sinners; The Unpardonable Sin

As God deals with nations so He deals with individuals in that His mercy, long scorned and rejected, is followed by judgment. God loses patience with nations. God also loses patience with individuals. God's Spirit had, no doubt, dealt with every individual who died in the flood. In every case they had had adequate warning. In every case they had rejected the strivings of the Holy Spirit of God. God was talking about individuals when He said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."

When the Holy Spirit ceases to strive with a lost sinner, when the Holy Spirit does not call, does not plead, does not convict, then that sinner is lost forever, beyond any hope of salvation.

This means that there is an unpardonable sin, a sin that has no forgiveness. Jesus said in Matthew 12:31, 32:

"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

Note that the unpardonable sin that had never forgiveness was not talking about the Holy Spirit. It was not simply ascribing the works of the Spirit to Satan. No, no, the unpardonable sin is deeper than that. It is a personal resistance against the Spirit, a blasphemous attitude toward the Spirit Himself that so grieves the spirit as to drive Him away so that He no longer struggles with a sinner, no longer warns and convicts.

Some modern theologians have invented the idea unheard of by our fathers, that no longer can one commit the unpardonable sin. But I make bold to say that God still says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." God has not changed. His mercy has not changed and His wrath has not changed. His mercy still wears out!

I think I can show you in a moment that men will continue to commit the unpardonable sin. In Revelation 13:8, we are told, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the man of sin, the anti-Christ, the Beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." There it is clear that all who worship the Beast miss forever their chance of salvation. Their names are not written in the book of life. And Revelation 14:10, 11 expressly says that all who worship the Beast and take his mark shall be tormented in Hell. The time mentioned here is the future Great Tribulation when the man of sin or that great dictator, "the Beast," the anti-Christ, shall appear. Millions will then commit the unpardonable sin. Those who take the mark of the Beast can never be saved. They can never be forgiven, hence it is clear they will have committed the unpardonable sin.

Hebrews 6:4-6 tells how certain people who have been greatly enlightened and convicted concerning Christ, if they fall away from this conviction and enlightenment, can never be saved. It is impossible "to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Such people can never be brought back to the place where they might repent. This, of course, is the unpardonable sin. This is long after the personal ministry of Christ. And the context, specially verse nine, in the same chapter shows that God is not talking about the backsliding of a Christian, but about the unpardonable sin of a lost man. People still do commit the unpardonable sin.

Does not the Holy Spirit of God go along with people, convicting sinners today, as He did in Bible times? Do not sinners resist the Spirit or ignore His pleadings now, as then? And sometimes, no doubt, there comes a crisis with a lost man when he must say "yes" or "no," a definite, eternal decision. Sometimes a sinner finds himself so pressed by the Holy Spirit that he must be saved at once or be forever lost. God's Spirit will not always strive with men. Sometimes God's Holy Spirit ceases His warning, His pleadings, and men cannot be saved, because they will not want to be saved.

I was preaching in revival services in the open air in East Dallas some years ago. One night we closed the services after a number of people had been saved. As a few of the workers sat about and planned, and re-joyced over God's blessings, a man came running down the sidewalk, turned into the lot where the meetings were held under the stars. Panting, deeply agitated, he said to me, "Oh, Brother Rice, I'm so glad you're still here! I was afraid you would be gone!" Then he told me how he had heard the sermon that evening, had been deeply moved, but resisted God's invitation. When the service dismissed he went home, but every step of the way the Spirit of God struggled with him and warned him. He said something like this, "As I walked those six blocks something told me that tonight was my chance to be saved, that I would run an awful risk if I went home without Christ. But I went on. When I turned into my own front yard, the Holy Spirit told me, 'This is your last call. If you do not accept the Lord's offer, you will never be saved. It is now or

never.' When I stepped on the porch the Holy Spirit seemed to say to me, 'If you go in that house unsaved I will never speak to you about this matter again. I will never convict you, I will never warn you again.' But when I had a hand on the door knob God seemed to cry out to me, 'This is your last warning! It is now or never!' Then I turned and ran the six blocks back to this place of meeting to see you. Oh, I must be saved tonight!" That night he gave himself to Christ and went home with peace and forgiveness. I do not doubt that God really spoke to him, as he said, for God "will not always strive with man!"

In a blessed union revival campaign in Binghamton Theatre, Binghamton, New York, in 1936, I saw one night out in the audience a man deeply concerned as friends talked with him about his soul. The sweat broke out on his forehead. He forcibly grasped the seat before him. I pleaded from the platform. The congregation sang so earnestly! The Spirit of God struggled with him. Suddenly he fell over in a faint. Friends carried him outside into the zero weather and there he was revived. One worker said to him, "You stay here with your friend and I will get my car and take you home." But the young man who had fainted said, "No! I must go back into the theater. I must get this matter settled tonight." When they remonstrated with him that he was sick, he replied, "But this is my last chance. I know it. God has told me that if I do not settle this tonight I will never be saved." He came inside. The services had already been dismissed, but he came to the wings on the stage and called for me and there told me he knew he must be saved that night. Thank God he was!

Are you burdened about your soul? Then you have not committed the unpardonable sin. Revelation 22:17 proves that *whosoever will* may take of the water of life. If you had committed the unpardonable sin your heart would be like ice. You would not be concerned about your soul. You would not be reading this sermon. I have had conferences with many and letters from many who feared that they had committed the unpardonable sin; but none of them had. In the first place a Christian never commits an unpardonable sin, since his sins, past and future are already all pardoned. In the second place, if a lost sinner is burdened about his soul and is convicted, then the Spirit of God has not departed from him. God's Holy Spirit is still striving with him. That is what makes him want to be saved, what makes him concerned. That is the reason he is convicted concerning his sins. Oh, dear friend, if the Spirit of God speaks to your heart today, I beg you to be saved! God's Spirit will not always strive with men!

### IV. Sudden Destruction May Come When God's Spirit Withdraws

God's Holy Spirit warns the sinner, pleads with the sinner, strives again and again with the Christ-rejecting sinner. Then at long last God's patience wears out. That may mean that a sinner commits the unpardonable sin, as we have said, in such an attitude toward the wooing of the Spirit that he can never be convicted, that he never will want to repent, that he never will be saved. No one can be saved without the work of the Spirit of God on his heart.

But often God's wrath is expressed in sudden destruction, not in simply allowing a poor lost sinner to go on without the Spirit's pleading, already condemned and lost. Often God sends terrible and sudden death, when His patience is worn out, when His Holy Spirit will no longer be insulted or ignored and ceases to call men and reprove them.

That is clearly what happened to the hosts of people who went on in their wild and sinful way, ignoring the call of the Spirit of God before the flood. In their case, when God's patience wore out after long, long years of pleading, God's Spirit ceased to strive, then came the flood. A brief calculation based on the fifth chapter of Genesis will show that in the 1700 years, or so from the birth of Seth until the flood, with men and women normally living hundreds of years to

bear children, the earth was filled with millions of people. And these millions died in the flood, died as an eternal warning of the wrath of God when God's patience wore out, that when God's Spirit ceased to strive then came sudden destruction.

That is the solemn warning of Proverbs 29:1. "He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

We know that God often visits death on His own children, Christians, because of their sins. First Corinthians 11:29 tells us, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." Damnation here must mean sickness and death, for the next verse says, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." Many of those at Corinth went to the Lord's table with drunkenness, or ate of the Lord's supper unworthily, and for that very reason were weak and sickly, and many even died or were "asleep," which is a New Testament term for a Christian who has gone to be with the Lord but whose body sleeps.

I know a church where a number of members, for selfish and worldly reasons, were joined in a conspiracy against the pastor, a godly and greatly used soul winner. He laid that matter out before the Lord and left it there. Of that small circle, three men soon died; apparently in splendid health, two after very brief sicknesses and one suddenly with heart failure. I have no doubt they were saved and they went to Heaven, for I trust they were children of God, but as disobedient children they hardened their hearts when they were reprov'd often, and so, physically, they were destroyed suddenly. Oh, preachers assailed and slandered by self-willed, worldly-minded, rule-or-ruin church members and officers, take the matter to the Lord and trust Him. Be faithful in rebuking sin, in the Spirit of Christ, and expect God to bring judgment when it will glorify His name.

But those under discussion in Genesis 6:3 are lost people. When God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man," He had in mind that wrestling of the Spirit with lost men, trying to bring them to repentance and salvation. And principally of unsaved people did God say in Proverbs 29:1, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

How often have I seen the wicked, after great conviction, after rejecting earnest pleading of men, after turning aside from the deep conviction wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, be suddenly struck down!

I was a teen-age lad in West Texas, when on a Saturday night in revival services I felt led to speak to a boy friend, older than I, at the close of a revival sermon. It was in the Baptist church in the little West Texas town of Dundee. I said, "Roy, this is the time for you to go. God has spoken to your heart, and if you will come to Christ friends of yours will probably come too. Won't you come?"

But Roy said, "That may be so, but nevertheless, I am not going."

I am not ready yet, I am not going."

Further pleading proved useless and I left him.

One week went by, and on the next Saturday afternoon he was in town driving a colt to a breaking cart. When someone, in the rough cowboy idea of fun, sailed his Stetson hat at the young horse, he bolted, jerking my friend from the cart. He arose, dusted off himself, and laughed with the rest. Someone caught the wild colt and soon the young man was driving home, apparently unhurt. His father and brothers came along later and found him unconscious, on the country road. The fall from the cart had injured him. I suppose a blood-clot had formed on the brain. He was unconscious until the next day, when he died. How little did either of us suspect when I pleaded with him that Saturday night, that within less than a week he would have his last conscious moment on earth, and in a few hours more he would be dead! His Christian father had often spoken to his son, and in my presence had often asked prayer for him. Many others had spoken to the lad, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed." God's Spirit does not always continue to strive! Sometimes, when God's patience wears out, there comes sudden destruction.

How many men are now dead and in Hell who have heard me preach the gospel! In a number of cases, unsaved men, after they rejected the gospel and resisted the Holy Spirit who convicted them of sin and urged them to accept the Saviour, as I preached the gospel to them, died suddenly within a few hours. Elsewhere I have told how in Waxahachie, Texas, a garage man heard me preach one evening, was deeply concerned but turned down the Saviour, and the next evening he was suddenly killed in an accident. I have told elsewhere how in the same city and the following night a man who, two nights before had attended the services, had heard me preach the gospel in a stern message of warning, was shot through the heart by

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## With the Evangelists

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There were 51 first-time decisions for Christ in this campaign.

Reports have just been received from Evangelist Melton telling of a time of revival blessings during a recent series of meetings in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Brookville, Pennsylvania, Rev. J. C. Wygant, pastor. There were 56 first-time decisions for Christ during this meeting. Great interest was manifested in the meetings and night after night the church was filled to capacity.

The Youth for Christ of Cor-

sica, Pennsylvania, sponsored a meeting with Evangelist Melton. During this meeting there were 31 decisions for Christ. Pastors James Hannah of the Methodist Church and Ernest Ruark of the Baptist Church combined their efforts in this endeavor.

There were eighteen professions of faith and eleven additions to the Fairview Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, under the ministry of Evangelist James V. Lamb, according to the report from Pastor Marion Furgerson.

Evangelist Joe Arnett, recently concluded campaigns (Oct. 7-Nov. 2) with Pastor Karl C. Rowley in the IFCA Immanuel Tabernacle at Conneaut Lake Park, Pennsylvania, and (Nov. 4-30) with Pastor Harold R. Oyer in the Calvary Chapel at Lake City, Illinois.

Evangelist Dolphus Price, in a letter to the editor dated December 3, reports on his meeting in Campbellsville, Kentucky. He says, "Two people for whom the church has prayed for twenty-five years have been saved in the last three days. This has set the whole church afire. We had thought to close the meeting on last Lord's day, but the spiritual fervor of the meeting has gotten so high until the people are asking that the meetings continue. We have seen a good number of people saved and a real revival among the members of the church here."

Rev. Alfred O. Thornton, pastor at Summerfield, Missouri,

writes heartily commending the ministry of Evangelist Kenneth Chapman and song leader, Rucker Jones. This is the second meeting with Brother Chapman. Good crowds attended; there were ten public professions of faith recorded in the services, some outside; ten joined the church. "I certainly am grateful to God for the Sword Staff of Evangelists and for the great work they are doing in promoting revival and soul winning," writes Brother Thornton.

Evangelist Fred Billings, three months in the evangelistic field after giving up a busy pastorate

in Dallas, Texas, reports that his campaigns during this time have taken him as far south as Houston and Beaumont, Texas, and as far north as Wisconsin. He is booked through April of 1952, but has some openings for the months of May, June, and July. God is blessing his ministry. Those interested in his services may contact him at 1903 Melbourne Street, Dallas, Texas.

November 13-25 Evangelist Ray Cutchin held services at First Baptist Church, Danville, Iowa. The pastor, Rev. G. A. Thomas, writes highly commending Brother

Cutchin's ministry. "I have never worked with an evangelist who labored more diligently," he writes. In the thirteen-day campaign, at least 28 professed faith in Christ, 7 joined the church. Many homes in the community were visited by the pastor and evangelist and great good was accomplished, according to the pastor. The pastor also commends the fine work done by Mrs. Cutchin, in personal work and visitation in the homes. Each evening she conducted children's meetings, which were a great blessing.

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## When God's Patience Wears Out

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an unknown assailant. His wife and daughters had heard me predict that someone would go out to meet God suddenly within twenty-four hours. The wife called me to preach his funeral sermon. I have told often of how a young man heard me preach one night in Roosevelt, Oklahoma, was warned with tears by his mother at the luncheon table the next day at noon, and at about 1:40 p.m. was killed by a train. Elsewhere I have told how a young Indian at Kaw, Oklahoma, was invited to hear me preach, but laughed the matter off, and that night lay drunk on the railroad track and was cut in two by a train. "My spirit shall not always strive with man," says the Lord. And the stern warning is that "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

If you do not like that kind of preaching, then you do not like the Bible. No doubt the people in Noah's day did not like it. They may have thought, "I do not like deathbed tales in the pulpit." No doubt they said, "You can't scare us. We do not believe in that kind of preaching. Why don't you preach the love of God?" Well, the love of God is a great fact, but the wrath of God is a fact, too. God's patience, His long-suffering, His infinite mercy, ought to be proclaimed, and then we ought to proclaim that God's Spirit will not always strive with man. We ought to preach that the man who, being often reprov'd hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed with irremediable destruction!

My evangelist brother, William H. Rice, had revival services in the north woods of Michigan, and many, by God's grace, were saved. I have before me my brother's letter telling an incident of sudden destruction of one who had been often reprov'd and hardened his heart. He said:

"One incident occurred, John, that stirred the entire community and which none of us will forget very soon. A family named F—lived near the church. Mrs. F—and their grown son were saved, but Mr. F—was not. Several had tried to talk to him but he would not listen. He had one of the finest farms in the county and had no time for Christ. He was rather bitter about it. One Saturday, Pastor Clare Daffoe tried to deal with him. He climbed into the haymow where he was storing hay and helped him with his work. When they were finished and started to go down, Mr. Daffoe, who is a real soul-winner, began talking with him about the Lord. The man sat on the floor with his legs dangling through the opening of the door and told Clare he very definitely had no time for Christ. . . . The next Monday morning Mr. F—was again working in the haymow when he slipped and fell to the ground below, landing on the right side of his face. He died in a few hours and was buried the following Thursday.

"The news spread like a forest fire and made many think seriously about the foolishness of rejecting Christ. Four were saved that Monday night when I spoke on the text, 'It is appointed unto men once to die.' Others were saved during the meetings as a direct result of Mr. F—'s death."

I also have before me a sermon by Sam Jones, a famous evangelist of a past generation, on the text, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." This Southern evangelist told of case after case where men, who had been often warned of their sin and urged to repent and turn to the Saviour, had died suddenly.

Oh, if some sinner reads this who has been moved of the Spirit of God to turn and be saved, I beg you, trust the Saviour today. Run to His open arms of mercy! Before the Holy Spirit leaves you, before God's Spirit ceases to strive, before God's patience wears out, I beg you, turn to the Lord and be saved! For those who repent, there is mercy and pardon and life everlasting. As soon as you are willing to turn your heart away from your sin to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, He is ready to give you everlasting life.

God's Spirit may not call to-

morrow. Isaiah 55:6, 7 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Oh, if the millions who died in the flood could only hear that sweet invitation! But they would not heed the Spirit when He called, when He pleaded, when He strove with them. And then He was taken away. God's Spirit will not always strive with men. But He is striving with you today. You are conscious of your guilt. You know you must one day meet God, whether prepared or not prepared. Will you take advantage of your opportunity, repent of your sins, trust Christ to save you today, before God's patience wears out?

### Decide Today for Christ

If you are a poor, unsaved sinner, and if you know that God today is calling on you to repent of your sins and be saved, by all means do it now! Will you tell the Lord Jesus this moment, in your heart, that you want His forgiveness, that you will here and now trust Him and take Him as your own Saviour? Perhaps you will kneel down there in your room, or go to a secret place and once for all give yourself to the Lord Jesus, lay down your rebellion, accept the offer of mercy so sweetly brought by the Holy Spirit. And when you put your trust in the dear Saviour, salvation is yours! If you will do that today, then write me a letter like the following, or write in your own words. Go on record today! How glad I will be to receive your decision, and will send you a personal letter of counsel and instruction and rejoicing. Settle it and sign it and mail it today!

Evangelist John R. Rice  
214 West Wesley Street  
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read your sermon, *When God's Patience Wears Out*. I con-

## With The Evangelists

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Evangelist Glen Braswell of 1520 Byrd Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, sends in his four years' subscription and says: "It was last April 22nd that I resigned my work at the River Oaks Baptist Church in Fort Worth to enter full-time evangelistic work. God has been good to me. I have had 15 revivals with 225 professions of faith, 116 additions by letter, 389 other decisions. So far all of my ministry has been in the South. It would be a joy to my heart to have opportunities to preach the Word in other sections of our nation."

Evangelist Douglas Winn reports 8 conversions during a series of meetings in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. During an 8-day meeting in a Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, Evangelist Douglas Winn reports 15 conversions.

Evangelist Claude McDonald recently closed two series of meetings in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. In the Mt. Carroll Church of God they saw 6 make decisions for the Lord Jesus. During the children's meetings the attendance ran as high as 115. During the meetings with the Pleasant Mound Church of God they saw the church filled night after night. There were 8 conversions during this endeavor and the pastor remarked this was the best meeting the church has had during his pastorate.

Evangelist Jimmie Threlfall reports a time of revival blessing during a series of meetings in the Greenmount, Maryland, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Rev. H. Fehl, pastor. There were 27 first-time decisions for Christ. High attendance was maintained throughout the meetings.

## "No Man Cared for My Soul"

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duce for the church and sold it and paid our church out even in the depression. I've done the best I know to do, but I just don't know anything about what you are preaching about if it's any more than what I've been doing."

I answered quickly, "I appreciate your loyalty to the church but you can be loyal to a church all your life and still not be genuinely saved. That's why we are here in this revival; to get people really saved. Why don't you come to the altar tonight and accept Christ as your personal Saviour?" He assured us that he would.

When I made my call that night, he was the first to come weeping down the aisle. He fell on his knees at the altar and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He jumped up and gave me a bear hug and gave one of the brightest testimonies I have ever heard. He had found Christ as his very own. He was saved and knew it. He went out to win others because he was won himself. Scores of our people have no knowledge or assurance of salvation. We must know

fess myself a poor lost sinner. God's Spirit has spoken to my heart. I know I need the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. So here and now I repent of my sins and trust Christ to save me. By God's grace, I here and now accept God's offer of mercy and forgiveness. I will claim Christ as my own Saviour and will seek to live for Him the remainder of my life, by His grace.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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(From the book, *REVIVAL APPEALS*, by Evangelist John R. Rice, published by Sword of the Lord Publishers. 216 pages, 16 chapters of revival sermons. \$1.50).

we are won first before we can win others.

3. Many of us have lost out in our prayer life and we no longer pray our loved ones through to God and His saving power. Prayer has become a burden; it is dry and cold. No longer do we tarry with tear-stained cheeks in the secret place and plead with God to send mighty conviction upon the lost. We do not have strong enough faith to believe that God can and will do what we ask of Him. We need the fires kindled again in our own hearts until we have faith that is strong enough to obtain, and prayer that is earnest enough to receive.

4. We do not have soul-winning power. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Peter declared on that great day of Pentecost, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Just as the disciples received the Holy Ghost in power, so must we today receive His power if we are to be effective witnesses for Him. He waits to pour out a mighty Pentecost upon us today. Just as Jerusalem was shaken and hundreds cried out, "What shall we do?" so can our cities be shaken for God today when the church tarries in the upper room until the power comes. A mighty baptism of fire will purge us of our worldliness, burn out the indifference, consume the petty divisions and jealousies, and bring a mighty wave of power and glory from Heaven.

It is high time we tarry until He comes in marvelous power! The people of the world are dying without Christ every hour of the day all about us. We must

win them. If we will tarry until He comes in glorious power, the cry will not be heard in our midst, "No man cared for my soul."

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Jan. 12-Jan. 20, Rev. A. C. Smith, East-side Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.

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Jan. 6-Jan. 20, Rev. Philip W. Horne, Simpson Creek Baptist Church, Bridgeport, W. Va.; Jan. 27-Feb. 10, Rev. Thurman Fuller, Calvary Baptist Church, 627 Pendleton Ave., Anderson, Ind.; February 11-Feb. 24, Rev. Mark Dickerson, Berean Baptist Church, 15072 Washburn St., Detroit 21, Mich.

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